

**Senior Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, June 17, 2014  
Town Hall, Old Town Road  
9:30 a.m.**

Present: Co-Chairs Gail Pierce and Sandra Kelly, Members - Susie Wright, Linda Spak, Betsey DeMaggio, Ann Henault, Dorothy Graham and Sandra Hopf. Also present were Senior Coordinator Anna Christina Rogers, Intern Rachel Heisman and for the recording of minutes, Millie McGinnes. Commission member Deborah Martin was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Sandra Kelly at 9:33 a.m.

**1. Approve Minutes of Meeting, May 20, 2014**

Ms. Henault moved to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. DeMaggio and carried.

Ayes 7 (Pierce, Wright, DeMaggio, Spak, Graham, Henault, Kelly)  
Nays 0                      Absent 2 (Martin, Hopf)

**2. Senior Coordinator Anna Christina Rogers input**

Sandra Hopf joined the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Senior Coordinator Anna Christina Rogers distributed and presented a draft of a senior survey she has been working on with the interns. The survey was reviewed and discussed.

**3. Discuss and act on expenditure for speaker regarding available healthcare resources**

Coordinator Rogers and Intern Heisman reported that they were interested in bringing out a speaker, Jenny Miller of Senior Care Concepts, Inc. to discuss resources and services available to the senior population. It was noted that the Medical Center staff should be invited.

Ms. Graham moved to authorize up to \$500 for presentation and travel expenses to Jenny Miller of Senior Care Concepts, Inc. to come make a presentation regarding senior services. Ms. Wright seconded the motion and it carried.

Ayes 8 (Pierce, Wright, DeMaggio, Spak, Graham, Hopf, Henault, Kelly)  
Nays 0                      Absent 1 (Martin)

**4. Discuss and act on intern's progress**

Ms. Kelly stated that the committee was extremely grateful for the interns, as they were wonderful and hard working.

**5. Act on needs assessment of the senior population**

The needs assessment was discussed and reviewed earlier in the meeting under "Senior Coordinator input."

Ms. Henault moved to authorize the expenditure of funds for the distribution, mailing and advertising of a needs assessment/survey. Ms. Wright seconded the motion and it carried.

Ayes 8 (Pierce, Wright, DeMaggio, Spak, Graham, Hopf, Henault, Kelly)

Nays 0

Absent 1 (Martin)

**6. Update and act if necessary on U3A progress**

Ms. Kelly reported that the U3A program is up and rolling and is the 1<sup>st</sup> USA chapter.

**7. Status of “Notify Now”**

Ms. Kelly reported that the Town Manager is working on implementing the emergency alert system “Notify Now.”

**8. Discuss and act on rolling over funds for next fiscal year**

Ms. Spak moved to request that the Town Council rollover any remaining fiscal year 2104 funds into the next fiscal year. Ms. DeMaggio seconded the motion and it carried.

Ayes 8 (Pierce, Wright, DeMaggio, Spak, Graham, Hopf, Henault, Kelly)

Nays 0

Absent 1 (Martin)

**9. Discuss and act on “Keeping in Touch” / “One on One” program(s)**

This item was tabled until the survey is complete.

**10. Present paragraph developed for the Town Comprehensive Plan**

It was noted that the paragraph for the Comprehensive Plan was submitted to the Planning Board in April. There has been no further comment on the issue.

**11. Conversation with Arlene Tunney re: Areas of mutual concern pertaining to seniors**

Arlene Tunney noted that she had some thoughts on the needs of the Block Island senior population. She suggested the following:

- Establish system of help with house repairs and/or yard work.
- Schedule trips for outlet shopping, plays, mansion tours and the like.
- Establish van trips to local restaurants for “early-bird specials.”
- Establish a widow’s group.

She also suggested reaching out to the school and/or the Haiti Group for volunteers.

**12. Update on activities:**

- a. **BIBB** - Ms. Kelly noted that the Block Island Bulletin Board currently has 450 members and have posted 2,346 messages.
- b. **Soup Group change in date** – Soup Group now meets on Tuesday. It has been well attended.
- c. **Lunch Bunch last luncheon** – It was a successful year and will resume after Columbus Day.
- d. **Chair Aerobics** – Chair Aerobics will continue through the summer.

**Next meeting – July 15, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.**

At 10:38 a.m. a motion was made by Ms. Pierce and seconded by Ms. DeMaggio to adjourn.  
The motion was approved unanimously.

Millie McGinnes  
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved: July 17, 2014